



Freshman Roscoe Murray coaches KDES second grader Kimani Douglas as KDES teacher Judy Giannotti supervises. Behind them, Mark Ellis and Joshua Finkle converse with their "students."

Second graders and University freshmen interact through ENFI

Every Friday, seven second graders from Kendall Demonstration Elementary School attend English class at Gallaudet University with seven freshmen.

The two age groups are paired up and for an hour they converse through personal computers on any topic under the sun that comes to their minds.

But what appears to be idle chit-chat is really an innovative new way for the Gallaudet and KDES students to polish their communication skills and become more proficient in English studies.

The University freshmen, all males, attend assistant professor Harry Markowicz's "English 50," a preparatory class for the English Placement Test that they must pass to meet Gallaudet's requirements. They develop their knowledge of written English by interacting with their younger counterparts on the computer network.

In turn, KDES instructor Judy Giannotti's second graders are also developing their competencies in communication and written English by working with their part-time big brothers. The theory of the educators involved in the pilot project is that youngsters learn by working with role models in a natural environment.

And so far the theory has shown promise.

The project started this fall as an extension of the English Natural Form Instruction (ENFI), the brainchild of Gallaudet's English Department staff. The use of a computer network to educate students was first implemented at the University three years ago by English Professor Trent Batson.

Batson's project drew the interest of KDES instructor JoAnn Mackinson-Smyth, who saw its potential as a valuable tool for teaching younger deaf students as well.

She experienced success when she

used ENFI with 7- to 9-year-old students on a trial basis in 1985 and again the following year when she paired that group with a class of younger students.

This fall Mackinson-Smyth obtained a Presidential Award grant from Gallaudet which in part seeks to make ENFI a part of KDES's Language Arts program. Another purpose of the grant money is to train more teachers in how to incorporate ENFI into their Language Arts program, she said.

Mackinson-Smyth said that it took a couple of conversations on the network for the students to get acquainted and break the ice. The older group would ask the youngsters about their families, pets, favorite colors and foods, and the KDES students dutifully pecked out their responses on their keyboards.

But in successive classes, the conversation became directed toward more specific topics and goals.

For example, each pair has written stories together and they plan to discuss books that they have read

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Campus community invited to honor Lee

The campus community is invited to a farewell tribute to President Jerry C. Lee on Friday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Grant Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H St. NW.

There will be a cash bar, hot hors d'oeuvres, a live band and presentations to Dr. Lee by members of the campus community.

Tickets, at \$5 each, are available through the President's Office in the Edward Miner Gallaudet building.

NIH's John Sever discusses facts about AIDS at Gallaudet lecture

In the United States alone, 50,000 people have become ill or died from AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). To date, the virus which causes AIDS has infected another 1.5 million people. Unless medical science discovers an effective antidote, it is possible that those infected could all contract the disease and die.

These alarming statistics were presented to the Gallaudet community Nov. 10 in Ely Auditorium by Dr. John Sever, chief of the Infectious Disease Branch at the National Institutes of Health.

The number of AIDS cases in this country is doubling every 12 months, said Sever, which means that by 1991, 270,000 people could have the disease. In Central Africa, perhaps the area of the world hit hardest by AIDS, so many people have died that it is conceivable that entire populations may vanish.

A glimmer of optimism in the midst of the AIDS tragedy is that medical science has developed a "first generation drug" that suppresses infection and gives afflicted patients some relief from their pain.

But Sever cautioned that although the drug, AZT, "offers some hope, it is not a cure" because within three days after a patient has been deprived of AZT, all of the AIDS symptoms return. In addition, continued use of AZT suppresses red blood cells and results in the deterioration of bone marrow.

So far, there is no cure for AIDS. The major way to combat AIDS is prevention, and this involves education, Sever said.

AIDS is caused by a virus known as HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), which kills the body's white blood cells. The virus is known to be spread through blood and semen, and from infected mothers to their children, either through the uterus or from the mother's milk in nursing.

Sever said that it is possible for people to acquire the HIV virus without actually getting AIDS. HIV can also remain dormant in the body for years before attacking the immune system.

There is no documentation supporting rumors that AIDS is contracted through sneezing, sharing meals, or through casual contact, Sever told the audience.

There is also no evidence that donating blood spreads the disease. "We find a real shortage of blood because people are afraid they'll contract AIDS if they donate. But sterile needles negate that, and all blood is tested so receiving blood is also safe," he said.

Because sexual contact, both by homosexuals and heterosexuals, constitutes the bulk of AIDS cases, Sever said that to reduce the chances of con-

tracting AIDS, the main precaution people need to take is to reduce their number of sexual partners. And, he said, if there is any question that a partner may have the virus, people should make sure that condoms are used during sexual contact.

Sever also warned against the use of intravenous drugs, a source which accounts for 7 to 17 percent of AIDS cases in the United States. When drug users share needles their risk of transmitting the AIDS virus is extremely high, he said.

Sever said that a number of steps need to be taken to meet the variety of needs faced by the growing population of AIDS patients in the 1990s and beyond.

Because about 50 percent of AIDS cases are reported in New York City, San Francisco, Miami, Newark and Los Angeles, large metropolitan centers need to plan accordingly for hospital care and medical services. Johns Hopkins Medical Center, for example, has committed 100 beds for AIDS patients, Sever said.

In addition to physical needs, however, is the underlying emotional trauma faced by AIDS patients and their friends and families. Therefore, a system of counseling and psychological and community assistance must be developed.

Sever also said that community education regarding AIDS is necessary "to avoid hysteria" such as the recent media reports of communities who wish to prevent children with AIDS from attending public schools.



Dr. John Sever of the National Institutes of Health speaks about AIDS at a recent lecture here.

University adopts AIDS guidelines

Gallaudet students and employees who are or may become infected with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) will not be excluded from enrollment or employment at the University, according to recently adopted guidelines.

Further, the guidelines state that AIDS-affected people will not be restricted in their access to University services or facilities unless it is necessary to the welfare of the Gallaudet community.

Gallaudet's position on the AIDS issue, as stated in an introduction to the guidelines, is based on the fact that there is "no evidence" that AIDS or AIDS-related viruses "can infect other individuals by casual contact."

The AIDS guidelines were developed at the request of the University's Health Services Department by a task force made up of representatives from Health Services, Personnel and Business Services.

According to Denise Sullivan, the Personnel Department's director of human resources, Gallaudet "needed a consistent way to deal with incidents of AIDS to be sure that people are treated fairly."

She added that to her knowledge there are presently no known cases of AIDS among Gallaudet employees.

The guidelines, as they relate to Gallaudet employees, are as follows:

*Gallaudet University will not discriminate in the hiring process based solely on the presence of AIDS, ARC (AIDS-Related Complex) or positive HTLV-III (Human T-Lymphotropic Virus) antibody test.

*At the present time there is no medical justification for restricting employees with AIDS, ARC or positive HTLV-III antibody test from working or from accessing campus services and facilities. Therefore, Gallaudet employees, including MSSD and KDES employees, who have AIDS, ARC or positive HTLV-III antibody test will not be unilaterally prohibited from employment or restricted in the access to University

services and facilities unless exclusion or restriction is necessary to the welfare of the individual or other members of the University or Pre-College community or the effective operation of campus programs and services.

*The University reserves the right to reassign job space or responsibilities if necessary to protect the welfare of the individual or other members of the University or Pre-College community or to ensure the effective functioning of its programs or services.

*The University reserves the right to place an employee on sick leave (annual leave or leave without pay in the absence of sufficient sick leave) should an employee be unable to perform assigned responsibilities at an acceptable level.

*Education about AIDS and working with AIDS-infected individuals will be provided to all campus employees by Student Health Services.

*Mandatory screening of employees for AIDS, ARC or HTLV-III antibody will not be implemented at this time.

*Gallaudet Student Health Services will be familiar with sources for testing for the antibody to HTLV-III and will be able to refer employees requesting such testing.

*In general, in accordance with University policies and laws of the District of Columbia, the University will not disclose information regarding an employee's illness without the expressed or written consent of the employee.

Students converse through computers

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together later in the school year, Mackinson-Smyth said.

Markowicz said that the freshmen take notes on all that goes on during the sessions, and afterward they analyze the classes, describing any problems encountered in communicating with the youngsters and working out solutions to deal with them.

They also make preparations for the next classes.

"The preparation and follow-up helps them to focus on what they have learned about writing," Markowicz said.

"So far, we've been thrilled with what the Gallaudet students have been doing, and we're already seeing our kids incorporating more sophisticated aspects of English into their own writing," Mackinson-Smyth said.



Carlos Alberto Goes, director of "Silencio," a troupe of deaf actors from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, presents a lecture on sign language translation during a recent visit to Gallaudet to study dance and theatre departments at MSSD and the University.

Mental health training institute held

Gallaudet sponsored a three-day national training institute last month for mental health professionals who serve postsecondary hearing impaired students.

The conference, "Mental Health and the Post-Secondary Deaf Student," was sponsored by the Department of Counseling and the National Academy. Held in New Orleans, La., it was designed for mental health practitioners and service providers, including counselors, psy-

chologists, psychiatrists, special support personnel, social workers, rehabilitation specialists and program administrators.

Through a series of workshops, presentations and training sessions, the institute addressed current research and therapeutic interventions in areas including schizophrenia, depression, eating disorders, alcohol and substance abuse, sexual abuse, narcissism and suicidal behavior. Group therapy with hearing impaired students and the mental health needs of hearing impaired students who are mainstreamed into colleges, technical schools and vocational settings were also discussed.

A national team of experts on mental health and deafness, including authors, educators and practitioners from Gallaudet, California State University at Northridge, St. Paul Ramsey Hospital and the University of California Center on Deafness, conducted the sessions.

For more information, contact the National Academy, x5096.

Savings plan available

The Federal Employee Retirement System thrift savings plan Open Season began Nov. 16 and continues through Jan. 31, 1987. All eligible FERS employees will receive information packets and election forms.

Civil Service Retirement System employees can also participate in the plan. The maximum contribution is 5 percent.

For more information contact Kayt Lewis at x5111.

Sponsored R & D

Provided below are application deadlines of selected programs that offer potential grant or contract opportunities for faculty, staff and graduate students. More details on these and other programs of interest can be obtained from the Office of Sponsored Programs, x5401.

Deadline	Program
11/27/87	ED/OSERS: Preparation of Leadership Personnel
Early Dec.	NSF: Undergraduate Faculty Enhancement
12/1/87	NSF/Materials Development and Research: Informal Science Education
12/1/87	NSF: Research Experiences for Undergraduates
12/1/87	NSF: Behavioral and Neural Sciences Program (Anthropology)
12/1/87	AARP/Andrus Foundation: Research Grants
12/1/87	American Philosophical Society: Research Grants
12/4/87	ED/OSERS: Parent Organization Project



Natalie Brown, a graduate student in mental health counseling in the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS), receives the first Sertoma Club Scholarship Award from Richard Bates, Washington district governor of the Sertoma International Service Organization. Also pictured is Dr. Ed Corbett of the Provost's Office (left) and Dr. David Martin, SEHS dean.

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Russian artist visits with MSSD students

MSSD students got a taste of the art and culture of the Soviet Union on Nov. 9 when a deaf Russian artist and his hearing brother, an associate professor at Moscow State University, paid them a call.

Anton Kumankov, a member of the Union of Soviet Artists and one of the few artists honored with studio space at the Academy of Fine Arts in Moscow, and Nikita Pokrovsky, who teaches history, philosophy and sociology, gave MSSD's art and social studies classes an intimate look at the Russian world.

Kumankov, who specializes in painting portraits, also took time out during his day at Gallaudet to sketch a portrait of MSSD freshman Stephen Cordle. The work will be part of an exhibit of portraits of Soviet and American children which will open in Moscow.

This was the artist's first visit to the United States. Pokrovsky has been to this country on several occasions.

Following a slide show of Kumankov's works on Russian life—street scenes, portraits of fellow artists, dignitaries and working class people, and illustrations from children's books and magazines—the 29-year-old artist, who has been deaf since age 6, sketched Cordle while his fellow students looked on.

The Soviet visitors came to the Unit-



Deaf Soviet artist Anton Kumankov sketches MSSD freshman Stephen Cordle during a Nov. 9 visit to MSSD by the artist and his brother. Other works by Kumankov can be seen in the photo.

ed States through "Connect/US-USSR," a Minnesota-based, nonprofit organization which seeks educational and cultural exchanges between the two nations.

In addition to the three days that the brothers spent in Washington, they gave lectures to students in New York, Vermont, Massachusetts and Minnesota.

Kumankov does not sign and his brother, who has studied in the United States and speaks fluent English, trans-

lated for him.

While they were in Washington, the brothers stayed at Gallaudet and attended receptions given for them by Dr. Robert Davila, vice president for Pre-College Programs, and by MSSD's Department of Student Development.

MSSD's Director of Performing Arts Tim McCarty called the Soviets' visit "an incredible exchange—one day was just too short."



Faculty, staff, student and alumni volunteers contact potential alumni donors to the University during Gallaudet's TDD-A-Thon, held Nov. 1-5 and Nov. 8-12. During this semi-annual event, an average of 150 alumni were contacted each day by TDD and computer.

Biology Department faculty establish classroom biology software program

A group of faculty from Gallaudet's Biology Department has established for the first time a classroom biology software program geared for hearing impaired students.

The project, Hearing Impaired Biology Software (HIBIOS), began last September to evaluate and modify, if necessary, life science microcomputer programs written for high school or lower college levels to meet the needs of deaf students.

Gallaudet's effort has been made possible largely through a \$300,000 grant from the National Science Foundation.

HIBIOS Project Director Paul J. Cunningham, a biology professor at the University, said that the program staff has received about 250 software programs in the past year from individuals and corporations in the United States and abroad.

Staff members evaluate the programs and revise selected programs to simplify vocabulary and instructions plus incorporate a greater use of graphics to increase comprehension for hearing impaired students.

Cunningham stressed that the HIBIOS team's goal is also to provide first-rate educational material to mainstream schools so that all hearing impaired students can benefit. "We will send out evaluations and products for all schools who want them," he said.

HIBIOS is also encouraging all professionals who have written educational software in the biology field to give or loan copies to the project.

The program plans to offer workshops and two-month summer appointments for individuals with experience in biology, microcomputers and developing computer programs.

OTG to take Thanksgiving break

On the Green will not be published on Nov. 30 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The deadline for submitting information for the Dec. 7 issue is Friday, Nov. 27. Happy Thanksgiving!

Faculty supports parity in salaries

Gallaudet's Faculty Senate voted by a wide majority Nov. 16 to reaffirm its support for having the University bring faculty salaries in line with other Washington area colleges and universities.

The senate's action, which was taken with one dissenting vote, followed the recommendation of its Compensation Committee (Committee E), which supports parity with the faculty's academic peers at other institutions of higher learning, regardless of the fiscal appropriation that Gallaudet receives from Congress.

Gallaudet's faculty considers itself to be low on the salary scale in comparison with other area colleges and universities and with institutions outside the area, based on information provided by the American Association of University Professors.

Senate Chair H. Neil Reynolds said that he did not have information on exactly where Gallaudet ranks with other institutions in the Washington area.

The senate's vote came after the members received a letter from Committee E stating that it believes Gallaudet's new salary system to be "in jeopardy."

The salary system, which was accepted last May by the University's Board of Trustees, includes a policy to take steps to bring Gallaudet faculty salaries in line with other institutions.

Committee E expressed concern that in light of information on possible federal budget cuts, the administration's goal to achieve parity on salaries may be in danger. But the committee's letter stated, "We believe that the current budget situation does not justify a retreat from the implementation of parity as of FY 87."

In accordance with Committee E's recommendation, the senate is asking that Gallaudet's administration review and reorder the University's budget priorities to keep the new salary system sound.

SPS holds two reading workshops

Gallaudet's School of Preparatory Studies (SPS) held two workshops on Oct. 29 to assist faculty in integrating reading and study skills into their curricula.

The sessions were led by Dr. Dale Johnson, an internationally known reading researcher, reading text author and future president of the International Reading Association.

At the first workshop, which was for English instructors, Johnson focused on the application of semantic mapping and advanced organizing techniques to facilitate students' growth in reading and writing.

The second workshop was open to the entire SPS faculty and introduced the value of teaching classes organizing techniques and vocabulary skills before assigning them textbook work.

Videotapes of the two workshops and samples of Johnson's material are on reserve at the Northwest Campus library.



Dr. Roslyn Rosen, dean of the College for Continuing Education, signs "thumbs up" after signing an agreement naming Gallaudet the overseer of a \$106,000 Fairfax County project to set up a resource center on deafness. From left are Gary Viall, a deaf Fairfax resident; John Herrity, chair of the County Board of Supervisors; Rosen; Gordon Landes, another deaf resident; and Joseph Alexander, supervisor.

Announcements

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association's D.C. Chapter will host a reception for President and Mrs. Lee on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. in the "Ole Jim"—not Dec. 2 as originally planned. A cash bar will open at 5:30 followed by the meeting at 6:15 and the reception, including holiday entertainment, at 7.

"What's Up? News from the School of Management" will be presented on Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 4-5 p.m. in the upper level of "Ole Jim." Dr. James Speegle, dean of the school, and Dr. William Varrieur, professor, will be the speakers. This is the last lecture in the fall series "Management and the Deaf Professional." For more information, call the National Academy at x5096.

The Department of Television, Film and Photography is selling both VHS and Beta format videotapes of the 1987 Gallaudet commencement, MSSD commencement and Gallaudet homecoming football game at \$30 per copy. People wishing to buy tapes should contact the department at x5115.

The Christmas Revels, a winter solstice celebration with Celtic music, poetry, story and dance will be interpreted by Ava Barnett and Robin Deutsch on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. in Lisner Auditorium at George Washington University, 21st and H Streets NW, Washington, D.C. Gallaudet's Student Union has 30 tickets available at \$10 each, \$5 less than the regular price, through Nov. 25. Ticket requests by mail should indicate when an interpreter is needed to ensure seats with the best visibility. Requests should be sent with payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Washington Revels, Box 39077, Washington, DC 20016. For more information, call 657-3285 (V).

The New Century Singers Christmas Concert will be interpreted on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at the Prince

George's Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Hyattsville, Md. The Playhouse will also host Prince George's Little Theatre, Inc., in interpreted performances of "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 17 and 19 at 8 p.m. For more information, call voice or TDD 277-1711 or 277-1710.

Metropolitan Washington area public libraries will host various activities during Deaf Heritage Week, Dec. 6-12. Leon Auerbach, Jackie Epstein and Sharon Wood will participate in activities on Monday, Dec. 7, from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Aspen Hill Library, 4407 Aspen Hill Rd., Rockville, Md. For more information, contact Susan Cohen at 493-2554 (TDD) OR 493-2555 (V). Dr. John Van Cleve will also be part of the celebration on Dec. 7 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington, Va. For more information, contact Neil Phelps at 284-8170 (TDD) or 284-8150 (V). People wishing information on other library programs should contact their local libraries.

Grant given to improve health care for elderly

Gallaudet was recently named as the main recipient of a \$170,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging to improve health care services to elderly people.

The initial thrust of the 15-month project, entitled "Statewide Training for Nursing Professionals in Community Health Centers," will be to educate health center nurses throughout Maryland to better serve the elderly community, particularly those with hearing losses.

One-third of older Americans have some form of hearing loss, according to Maureen Durkin, former coordinator of the Special Population Program at the National Academy.

Educational materials will be developed through the study to train audiologists and speech pathologists nationwide who are members of the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (ASHA), which applied for the grant with Gallaudet.



Ernest Adkins, an accounts receivable technician with the Accounting Department, was honored recently with a reception recognizing his 30 years of employment at Gallaudet.



Truffaldino (Cayetano Adamo) "inspects" his masters' food while Nicki (Jevon Whetter, left) and Vittorio (Daniel Warthling, right) engage in lively dialogue during the Theatre Arts Department's production of "Servant of Two Masters," performed recently in Elstad Auditorium.

Among Ourselves

Dr. Gil Delgado, international development officer at the International Center on Deafness, recently planned and implemented the three-and-a-half-day seminar, "The Language of the Deaf—Total Communication," held in Bogota, Colombia, in coordination with the Escuela de Rehabilitacion, Colegio Mayor Del Rosario in Bogota. Presenters addressing the 135 seminar participants included Gallaudet graduates Soledad Chavarria and Ana Torres.

Cynthia Compton, an audiologist in the Department of Audiology, recently lectured on "Rehabilitative Technology for the Hearing Impaired" at the Third Annual Conference on Contemporary Applications of Computer Technology held at California State University, Northridge.

Margery Miller, coordinator of the Family Life Program in the National Academy, recently published her article, "Sign Iconicity: Single-Sign Receptive Vocabulary Skills of Nonsigning Hearing Preschoolers," in the *Journal of Communication Disorders*. The article focuses on the relevance of nonsigners' ability to identify sign meanings to the use of adapted assessment instruments with young hearing impaired children.

Miller also recently conducted several training seminars related to "The Impact of Deafness on the Family Life Cycle" for more than 140 participants at Florida Atlantic University.

Dr. Philip Schmitt, professor in the Department of Education, presented "Classroom Strategies for Speech Development of Hearing Impaired Children" at the Annual West Virginia Conference for Educators of the Hearing Impaired held in Romney on Oct. 15.

Dr. David Martin, dean of the School of Education and Human Services, and Dr. Philip Schmitt, professor in the Department of Education, attended a reception and luncheon honoring the visiting Deng Pufang, director-in-chief of the China Fund for the Handicapped, at the home of Sen. Edward Kennedy on Oct. 7.

Dr. Constantina Mitchell, assistant professor in the Foreign Language

Department, presented a paper at the recent meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, held in Montreal. Mitchell also visited the MacKay Centre, a primary-secondary school attended by a large percentage of hearing impaired students, where classes are conducted in French using Quebec sign language. Mitchell answered students' questions about Gallaudet University.

Gallaudet's Department of Counseling announces that one of its students, Sonya Stagnoli, received the 1987-88 National Rehabilitation Counseling Association Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. This is the first time a Gallaudet Rehabilitation Counseling student has won the award.

Classified Ads

FOR RENT: New bedroom, large windows, no smoking/pets, 20 mins. drive to Gallaudet, \$250/mo. inc. util., immediate occupancy. Call Marie, x3115 or 577-6809.

FOR RENT: Top floor in 4-BR single family home in Lanham, Md., 3 bedrooms, private bath, dining room and entrance, share kitchen/laundry facilities w/owner, \$850/mo.; will negotiate rental of part or all of house w/interested people, prefer professional. Call Ena, x5295.

FOR RENT: Room in house in Rockville, Md., 1 mile from Twinbrook Metro, \$150 deposit, \$195/mo. rent, \$50/mo. util. Call David, 340-6512 (TDD).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

WRITER/EDITOR-RESEARCH: Graduate Studies and Research

FINISHER III: Physical Plant

APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMER: Computer Services

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST: Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

FACULTY POSITION: Department of Sign Communication

You & Your Job

Open Season ending

Gallaudet's Personnel Office reminds employees that the deadline for changing health plan coverage or joining a health insurance plan is nearing.

Open Season ends Friday, Dec. 11, and all registration forms must be in the Personnel Office by the following Tuesday.

Registration forms are available at College Hall, Room 7 (Personnel Office); KDES, Room 3202; MSSD, Room 206; HMB, Room 109; CUB, M&O Administrative Office; and at Northwest Campus' Business Services Office.

All changes and new coverage will become effective on Jan. 3, 1988, and the first payroll deductions will be made from employees' Jan. 26 paychecks.

Employees who want to keep their current coverage do not have to follow any of these steps; their policies will continue automatically.